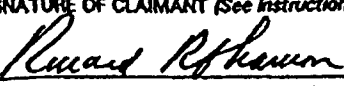


EXHIBIT A

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of the form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit To Appropriate Federal Agency: Office of Regional Counsel (02) U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 200 Springs Road, Building 61 Bedford, Massachusetts 01730			2. Name, Address of claimant and claimant's personal representative, if any. (See instructions on reverse.) (Number, street, city, State and Zip Code) Ronald R. Shamon Michael Perry 8 Sanderson Drive Hanify and King Plymouth, MA 02360 1 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN	4. DATE OF BIRTH 04-27-36	5. MARITAL STATUS M	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT 12-07-01	7. TIME (A.M. or P.M.) 8:00 a.m.	
8. Basis of Claim (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof) (Use additional pages if necessary.) At the Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, VA at 8:00 a.m. on December 7, 2001, during Dr. Zhang's first attempt to perform a sigmoidoscopy on me, the scope hurt so bad that I screamed out loud, "It hurts!" He replied, "I'm sorry." He then put the scope in a second time, and after several minutes he yelled out, "I go too high! I go too high!" His nurse ran out of the room to get Dr. Pedrosa, who came into the room and yelled out, "Stop! Stop!" With the scope still inside of me, Dr. Pedrosa said to me and to Dr. Zhang that he was taking over, explained to Dr. Zhang that the lens had feces on it and See attached continuation.					
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code) N/A					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION WHERE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side.) N/A					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH STATE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE NAME OF INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT. See attached continuation.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)			
Patricia Shamon		8 Sanderson Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360			
12. (See instructions on reverse) AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE N/A	12b. PERSONAL INJURY \$500,000.00	12c. WRONGFUL DEATH —	12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights.) \$500,000.00		
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE ACCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side.) 			13b. Phone number of signatory 508-833-9359	14. DATE OF CLAIM 12/04/03	
CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant shall forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of \$2,000 plus double the amount of damages sustained by the United States. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729.)			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both. (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.)		

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had to be removed to be cleaned before proceeding. Dr. Pedrosa cleaned the lens and reinserted the scope. While removing the scope, he explained to Dr. Zhang the procedure for removing feces from the sides of the colon by using the scope. As a result of this procedure there was a perforation of my intestine.

Within days of my sigmoidoscopy, because of pain from my anus, I was examined on 12/11/01 at Brockton VA by Dr. Tamler, who, despite my claim of pain, said that I have a rash on my anus. On 12/12/01 pain was more intense with high temperature. I was examined by Dr. Dickenson at Brockton VA, who ordered a blood workup and an ultrasound. They indicated two abscesses formed in my anus and an elevated white blood count. A catheter was inserted and I was transported to West Roxbury VA.

On 12/12/01 at West Roxbury VA I was operated on by Dr. Fitzpatrick and Dr. Moore. Dr. Fitzpatrick told me that my intestines were perforated, causing an infection for the past five to six days. He also stated that there is a third abscess up higher feeding down into the other two.

On 12/15/01 Dr. Fitzpatrick and Dr. Duke operated to expand the incisions. I was released on 12/21/01 with a catheter and on antibiotics and two shifts of visiting nurses to dress my wounds.

12/31/01. Post-operative visit to Dr. Benoit at Jamaica Plain VA. Taken off some medication. Prescribed, Tamsolosin. On 1/5/02 fainted in shower, struck head and was rushed to Jordan Hospital, Plymouth, Mass., for overnight observation. Visiting nurse called Dr. Burch at Brockton Hospital. Dr. Burch said, "They should not have put you on Tamsolosin. It lowers your blood pressure."

1/11/02. Visiting nurse noticed an infection on my wounds. Sent to Brockton VA, Dr. Aslanian, who noticed an infection on left side of wound, cleaned wound, and ordered antibiotics for me.

1/15/02. Dr. Duke at West Roxbury VA made an incision and packed the wound. On 1/29/02 Dr. Fitzpatrick examined me, said the wounds were healed, and took me off antibiotics.

2/5/02. I noticed a yellow discharge from my anus and contacted Dr. Fitzpatrick, who said to see him on February 12. On 2/12/02 Dr. Fitzpatrick was not in. I was examined by his assistant, Dr. Navarro, who noticed a pus pocket on the edge of my sphincter and yellow discharge. He squeezed out the pus. He asked for consult from a senior staff member, Dr. Gordon, who examined my anus. I asked both Doctors Navarro and Gordon if a pus pocket and yellow discharge weren't indicative of an infection, if I should be on antibiotics, and if I would need more surgery. Dr. Gordon stated, "No more operations or antibiotics are necessary." He then prescribed one to two weeks of daily fleet enemas, saying that would take care of my problem. I

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met Dr. Fitzpatrick in the lobby, where I brought him up to date with my meeting with Dr. Navarro and Dr. Gordon and about the fleet enemas.

On 2/15/02 I was still in pain with yellow discharge and blood/pus from my anus. I called Dr. Fitzpatrick, who said to see him on February 19. On February 19 Dr. Fitzpatrick said, "Why did Dr. Gordon order fleet enemas? You're not an old woman." He didn't know why my sphincter muscle wasn't closing and said to exercise the sphincter muscle.

On February 24, 2002, I called Dr. Fitzpatrick and told him that I wanted a second opinion. He asked me to work with him a few more weeks and the problem would abate. I insisted on the second opinion. He gave me the name of Dr. Cima, whom I first saw on February 27. He kept me overnight and operated on me on February 28.

Dr. Cima found three abscesses up higher on my colon, inserted a Seton drain, inserted 18" Mallincrodt tube, found a 3 cm ulcer on the post rectal wall adjacent to the sphincter. The existing wounds were also reinfected and had to be reopened and drained.

On 3/1/02 during my recovery Dr. Fitzpatrick came to my room and said, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I should have looked up higher, should have seen it. You're in good hands with Dr. Cima."

As a result of all my treatment at the VA I've suffered a great deal of pain, medical procedures, and damages.